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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Before a parish was organized or a church formed in that part of the original town of Brookfield which now constitutes the town of North Brookfield, the enterprise of building a meeting-house was commenced. The frame of the house was raised in 1749.

The Second Parish in Brookfield, now known as the First Congregational Society of North Brookfield, was organized March 29, 1750. The Church, now called the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, was organized, under the title of the Second Church of Christ in Brookfield, May 28, 1752. The town of North Brookfield was not incorporated until 1812.

The Church did not at first adopt any Articles of Faith, but was organized simply on the basis of a Covenant. There were 48 members present at the organization, — 26 males and 22 females. There were 28 others who seem also to have been numbered with the original members, — 8 males and 20 females, — making a total of 76.

PASTORS.

Rev. Eli Forbes was ordained and installed as Pastor of this Church June 3, 1752, and was dismissed at his own request March 1, 1775. Pastorate, 22 years and 9 months.

Rev. Joseph Appleton was ordained and installed as Pastor October 30, 1776. He remained in office until his death, which occurred July 25, 1795. Pastorate, 18 years and 9 months.

Rev. Thomas Snell was ordained and installed as Pastor June 27, 1798, and remained in office until his death, May 4, 1862. Pastorate nearly 64 years.

Rev. Christopher Cushing was installed as Pastor September 17, 1851. He was relieved of the duties of the office May 1, 1867, that he might enter upon the Secretaryship of the American Congregational Union, but still retains the pastoral relation.

DEACONS.

The Deacons of the Church have been as follows: —

John Cutler,	chosen	Dec. 26, 1753.	Resigned June 26, 1754.
Jason Bigelow,	"	" "	Died March 25, 1766.
Samuel Gould,	"	June 26, 1754.	"
Reuben Hamilton,	"	Aug. 30, 1764.	Resigned 1785.
John Bacon,	"	Oct. 3, 1766.	Died
Benj. Adams, Jr.,	"	Feb. 18, 1779.	Resigned May 16, 1806.
Samuel Haskell,	"	1784.	Died Nov. 15, 1820.
Walter Walker,	"	May 16, 1806.	Resigned April 3, 1834.
Humphrey Gilbert,	"	Sept. 9, 1810.	" April 18, 1813.

John Rice,	chosen	May, 1814.	Resigned	1820.
Tyler Batcheller,	"	Sept. 15, 1820.	"	Sept. 8, 1850.
Joseph A. Moore,	"	" "		
Barnet Poland,	"	April 3, 1834.	Died	Feb. 24, 1864.
Lyman Bush,	"	" "	Resigned	Sept. 28, 1854.
William P. Haskell,	"	Nov. 2, 1854.		
Levi Adams,	"	" "	Died	Aug. 11, 1860.
Calvin W. Nutting,	"	Feb. 28, 1861.		
Thomas Snell, Jr.,	"	April 4, "	Resigned	Jan. 26, 1865.
William L. Poland,	"	March 2, 1865.		

The whole number of Deacons, 19.

REVIVALS.

There have been eight special Revivals in the religious experience of this Church.

In the autumn of 1816, resulting in an addition to the Church by Profession of 40.

In 1818, with an accession of 26.

In the winter of 1826 – 27, adding 20.

In 1831, increasing the membership 46.

In 1852, " " " 105.

In 1856, " " " 17.

In 1858, " " " 33.

In 1864, " " " 37.

The Sabbath School originated with a Bible Class held by the Pastor in 1817, and was organized in the spring of 1818.

The Confession of Faith and present Covenant of the Church were adopted May 16, 1827. The Eccle-

siastical Principles and Rules of the Church, the Standing Rules, and the Address in the Form of Admission, were adopted July 26, 1860.

The first meeting-house was occupied until the close of 1823.

The present meeting-house was dedicated January 1, 1824. Remodelled in 1842. Lengthened twenty feet and beautified in 1853. Rededicated January 18, 1854. The Clock on the Tower was presented to the Parish by Dea. Tyler Batcheller in 1856.

The Chapel was built in 1854. Hon. William Appleton of Boston, son of the second Pastor, gave to the Parish, in 1859, $5,000 to furnish a Pastor's Library; and the Chapel was raised to a second story in 1860, to accommodate the Appleton Library.

The Church took a high stand on Temperance as early as 1833. It has never had occasion to call an Ecclesiastical Council to aid in its discipline.

The entire number of members of the Church, from its organization to the present time, is 1,291.

The number of members in the Church January 1, 1868, was, — Males, 103; Females, 175. Total, 278.

[In anticipation of the preparation of a larger work, giving the history more in detail, the present Catalogue is made to include only the present members.]

ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES AND RULES.

Rights of the Church. — This Church is independent, so far as relates to its internal organization and the regulation of its affairs.

It is amenable to no other ecclesiastical body, except by its own consent, or according to regular and established Congregational principles. With these exceptions, it controls the admission, discipline, and removal of its members according to its own understanding of the Word of God.

Connection with other Churches. — This Church will extend to other Evangelical Congregational Churches, and receive from them, that fellowship, advice, and assistance which the law of Christ requires. It will extend the usual rights of Communion, and practise the usual transfer of members, according to its own convictions of duty. In deciding whether a given church is evangelical, it regards it proper to consider the position of said church on moral duties as well as on doctrinal belief, and it claims the right to connect, with a letter of dismission and recommendation of one

of its members to a given church, a remonstrance against any inconsistency of which it may deem said church to be guilty.

Admission and Transfer of Members. — The Church will examine all applicants for admission. It will grant dismissions, for good cause, to its members in regular standing, on their application in writing, and recommend them to the fellowship of other churches. All such applications to be referred to the Examining Committee when presented, to be reported upon at the next succeeding meeting of the Church.

Members of this Church, removing their residence from this town to another, where there is a regular church of our own denomination, shall request a dismission within one year, or give a satisfactory reason for not doing so to the Examining Committee.

It is expected that members of other churches, who may wish to commune with this Church for more than one year, will request a dismission from their respective churches, and an admission to this Church, unless they give satisfactory reasons for delay to the Examining Committee.

Rights of Members. — Every member has a right to church privileges, unless forfeited by misconduct; and when thus forfeited, he can be deprived of them only by regular process. No proceedings shall be had against a member, except upon a complaint made in

writing, stating explicitly the charges. The presentation of such complaints shall in all cases be first made to the Examining Committee, who shall, upon sufficient cause, prefer charges before the whole Church; and in case the Committee refuse so to do, the complainant may nevertheless, if he insists upon the charges, present his complaint to the Church. When a member is accused, he shall be seasonably furnished by the Examining Committee, or by the complainant, with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a full hearing. While the trial is pending, the accused is expected to abstain from participating in the Lord's Supper.

No vote of censure shall be passed upon any member, except by the concurrence of a majority of those brethren present at a regular meeting.

Duties of the Church and its Members. — It is the duty of the members to attend such stated meetings as are appointed by a vote of the Church, unless providentially prevented.

Any member having cause of complaint against another should immediately seek to have it removed in a Christian manner, the directions given in Matthew xviii. 15, 16, being our guide, especially in cases of personal offence. Any member wishing to withdraw from this Church, and to unite with another, should signify his wishes and his reasons, and apply in a proper spirit to be first released from his obligations to this Church. Any other mode of withdrawal will be deemed irregu-

lar and censurable. And this Church holds itself bound to grant, when properly sought, to its members in regular standing dismissions and recommendations to churches, not only of our own, but of any other Evangelical denomination.

Censurable Offences. — This Church considers immoral conduct, breach of express covenant vows, a refusal to bear one's full proportion in supporting the Gospel, neglect of acknowledged religious or relative duties, and avowed disbelief of the Articles of Faith to which the members have assented, as offences subject to the censure of the Church; and that the sale or use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and the holding and treating of our fellow-men as property, are to be classed among cases of immoral conduct.

Censures. — The censures inflicted on offenders are private reproof, public admonition, suspension from Church privileges or excommunication, according to the aggravation of the offence; and, in case of excommunication, notice thereof, and of the offence on which it is based, shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

Permanent Officers. — The permanent officers of this Church shall be the Pastor or Pastors and Deacons.

To the Pastor pertains the office of Moderator.

It shall be the duty of the Deacons to preside in the absence of the Pastor, in rotation, to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper, to distribute the charities of the Church, and to aid the Pastor generally in the spiritual care of the flock.

Annual Officers. — At the annual meeting for business the following Officers and Committee shall be chosen, to hold their offices for the ensuing year, and until others are chosen in their stead : —

A Clerk, who shall keep all the records of the Church ; a Treasurer, who shall take charge of all moneys belonging to the Church and received at benevolent contributions, pay all bills and appropriations as voted by the Church, or as directed by the Deacons in their official capacity, and render his account of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting; and an Examining Committee, of which the Pastor and Deacons shall constitute a part, who shall examine all applicants for admission, and present in writing a report of the names of such as they approve.

It shall be the duty of the Examining Committee to report to the Church, at the annual meeting, the names of such members as shall have removed from the town; where they are, so far as may be known ; the length of time they have been out of the town ; together with any other information which they may possess in relation to them, and which they may deem it important to communicate. It shall also be their

duty to seek to reclaim the wayward, and bring to the notice of the Church, by complaint, the cases of such as may be guilty of public offences and are thus made the proper subjects of discipline.

[As respects the duties of the Examining Committee, see also Special Vote, adopted June 2, 1861, p. 15.]

STANDING RULES.

1. All meetings for business shall be opened with prayer.

2. The annual meeting for the choice of officers and standing committees shall be in January, at such time as the Examining Committee shall appoint. The Examining Committee shall also have authority to call special meetings for business whenever they may judge it necessary.

3. All standing committees and annual officers shall be chosen by ballot.

4. Candidates for admission are to stand propounded to the Church for at least two weeks; and notice shall be given to the congregation of such as are expected to make a profession, at least two weeks previous to their admission.

5. Candidates for admission from the world, having been approved by the Church, shall become members by public profession, and by signing our Confession of Faith and Covenant. Candidates from other Churches, having been approved, shall become members by publicly entering into covenant with this Church, and by signing our Confession of Faith and Covenant.

6. The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the first Sabbath of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The admission of members, together with the celebration of the ordinance, shall constitute the service of the afternoon. A preparatory lecture shall be given on the Friday preceding the communion.

7. There shall be a monthly meeting of the Church for the transaction of business, devotional exercises, and conference.

8. The necessary expenses of the Pastor, when called to attend ecclesiastical bodies, shall be defrayed by the Church.

SPECIAL VOTES.

MAY 10, 1861.

Resolved, As a general principle of duty, that dancing, as a social amusement, card-playing, and theatrical entertainments, should be discountenanced by Christians.

Resolved, That it has ever been our view, that for a member of this Church to identify himself with balls, public dancing assemblies, habitual card-playing, or theatres, is a violation of our "express Covenant vows," wherein we solemnly promise "to strive as much as" in us "lies for the gospel peace and purity" of this Church, and to "walk with its members in Christian" "circumspection" and "sobriety," and to abandon "the sinful pleasures and amusements of the world."

JUNE 2, 1861.

Voted, That, when this Church is to be represented on an Ecclesiastical Council, it shall be the duty of the Examining Committee to nominate a Delegate; — and that when the Delegate who has been elected by the Church subsequently finds it impossible to attend the

Council, if the Church has elected no substitute, and there is no further opportunity for the Church to act in the case, the Examining Committee and the Delegate shall be authorized to appoint a substitute.

OCTOBER 29, 1863.

Voted, That an annual subscription shall be taken up in the month of January in behalf of the American Home Missionary Society; in May, for the American Missionary Association; and in September, for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Voted, That the money contributed at the Monthly Concert of Prayer for the conversion of the world, in the months of January, April, July, and October, be devoted to the American Home Missionary Society; in February, May, August, and November, to the American Missionary Association; in March, June, September, and December, to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

APRIL 13, 1865.

Voted, That this Church will devote the afternoon of one Sabbath in the month of May, hereafter, to an Anniversary of the Sabbath School.

FORM OF ADMISSION.

ADDRESS.

Beloved Friends: —

You have presented yourselves before God and this assembly, to make a solemn confession of your religious faith, and to take upon yourselves the bonds of the everlasting covenant.

We trust that you have duly considered the nature of the professions you are about to make, and of the engagements into which you are about to enter. They are of the most solemn import, involving your highest interests for time and eternity.

But be not disheartened. If you sincerely desire to be the Lord's, and exercise humble faith in him, he will give you the grace and wisdom which you need, and finally receive you to his everlasting kingdom.

You will now attend to the

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

I. We believe that there is but one God, the Creator, Preserver, and moral Governor of the universe; a Being of infinite power, knowledge, wisdom, justice, goodness, and truth; the self-existent, independent, and immutable Fountain of good.

[Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 *Tim.* i. 17. — He that built all things is God. *Heb.* iii. 4. — Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy. *Rev.* xv. 3, 4.]

II. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God; that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they are our only rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

[God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. *Heb.* i. 1, 2. — All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 *Tim.* iii. 16. — We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts. 2 *Pet.* i. 19.]

III. We believe that the mode of Divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a threefold distinction in the Godhead, — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one in essence and equal in power and glory.

[Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Mat.* xxviii. 19. — The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.]

IV. We believe that God has made all things for

himself; that known unto him are all his works from the beginning; and that he governs all things according to the counsel of his own will.

[The Lord hath made all things for himself. *Prov.* xvi. 4. — Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. *Acts* xv. 18. — In whom [Christ] also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. *Eph.* i. 11.]

V. We believe that the Divine law and the principles and administration of the Divine government are perfectly holy, just, and good; and that all rational beings are bound to approve them.

[Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. *Rom.* vii. 12. — The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. *Ps.* cxlv. 17. — The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitudes of isles be glad thereof. *Ps.* xcvii. 1.]

VI. We believe that God, at first, created man in his own image, in a state of rectitude and holiness; and that he fell from that state by transgressing the Divine command in eating the forbidden fruit.

[So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. *Gen.* i. 27. — God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. *Eccl.* vii. 29. — But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. *Gen.* ii. 17. — And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. *Gen.* iii. 6.]

VII. We believe that, in consequence of the apostasy, the heart of man, in his natural state, is destitute of holiness, and in a state of positive disaffection with the law, character, and government of God, and that all men previous to regeneration are dead in trespasses and sins.

[Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. *Rom.* v. 12. — We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. *Rom.* iii. 9. — The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. *Rom.* viii. 7, 8.]

VIII. We believe that Christ the Son of God has made atonement for sin; that he is the only Redeemer of sinners; and that all who are saved will be altogether indebted to the grace of God for their salvation.

[Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. *Eph.* v. 2. — Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. *Acts* iv. 12. — For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. *Eph.* ii. 8.]

IX. We believe that, although the invitations of the Gospel are such that whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life freely, yet the depravity of the human heart is such that no man will come to Christ, except the Father by the special and efficacious influences of his Spirit draw him.

[And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. *John* v. 40. — No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. *John* vi. 44.]

X. We believe that those who embrace the Gospel were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love; and that they are justified and saved, not by works of righteousness which they have done, but according to the mercy of God, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

[According as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. *Eph.* i. 4, 5. — Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; . . . . That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. *Tit.* iii. 5, 7.]

XI. We believe that those who cordially embrace Christ, although they may be left to fall into sin, will nevertheless be brought to repentance, and will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

[And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. *John* x. 28. — Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. 1 *Pet.* i. 5.]

XII. We believe that watchfulness over the life,

holy meditation, a conscientious attention upon public, family, and secret worship, together with the steady practice of righteousness, truth, sincerity, and charity, and of sobriety, chastity, and temperance, are the indispensable duties of every Christian.

[For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. *Tit.* ii. 11, 12. — Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves. 1 *Pet.* iv. 7, 8. — Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. *Eph.* vi. 18. — Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. 2 *Cor.* xiii. 5. — But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. *Mat.* vi. 6. — But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. *Josh.* xxiv. 15.]

XIII. We believe that there will be a general resurrection of the bodies both of the just and of the unjust.

[The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *John* v. 28, 29. — And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. *Dan.* xii. 2.]

XIV. We believe that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, to receive a just and final sentence of retribution according to the deeds done in the body; and that at the day of judg-

ment the state of all will be unalterably fixed; and that the punishment of the wicked and the happiness of the righteous will be endless.

[For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 *Cor.* v. 10. — For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. *Eccl.* xii. 14. — And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. *Mat.* xxv. 46.]

XV. We believe that Christ has a visible Church in the world, into which none but real believers in the sight of God, and none but visible believers in the sight of man, have right of admission.

[And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. *Mat.* xvi. 18. — And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. *Acts* ii. 47. — Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. 1 *Cor.* i. 2. — They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. *Jer.* l. 5.]

XVI. We believe that the sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord's supper; that believers in regular church standing only can consistently partake of the Lord's supper, and that visible believers and their households only can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of baptism.

[Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Mat.* xxviii. 19. — For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. *Acts* ii. 39. — What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. *Acts* viii. 36, 37. — And was baptized, he and all his, straightway. *Acts* xvi. 33. — For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread : &c. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 1 *Cor.* xi. 23, 28.]

Do you thus profess and heartily believe?

[Baptism here administered.]

You will now enter into covenant with God, and with this Church.

COVENANT.

You do now, in the presence of God and man, avouch the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be your GOD, the supreme object of your affection, and your chosen portion forever. You cordially acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ in all his mediatorial offices, Prophet, Priest, and King, as your only Saviour and final Judge; and the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier, Comforter, and Guide. You humbly and cheerfully devote yourself to God, in the everlasting covenant of grace. You consecrate all your powers and faculties to his service and glory; and you promise to take the Scriptures as the rule of your life and conversation; and that, through the assistance of

his spirit and grace, you will cleave to him as your chief good; that you will give diligent attention to his word and ordinances, to family and secret prayer, and to the observance of his Sabbath; that you will seek the honor of his name and the interest of his kingdom; and that, henceforth denying all ungodliness and every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously, and godly in the world.

[Those who unite by Letter will here rise.]

You do now cordially join yourself to this as a church of Christ, engaging to submit to its discipline, so far as conformable to the rules of the Gospel, and solemnly covenanting to strive, as much as in you lies, for its gospel peace, edification, and purity; and to walk with its members in Christian love, faithfulness, circumspection, meekness, and sobriety; and, abandoning the sinful pleasures and amusements of the world, to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Thus you covenant, promise, and engage.

[The Members of the Church will here rise.]

We do now receive you into our communion, and promise to watch over you with Christian affection and tenderness, ever treating you in love as a member of the body of Christ, who is head over all things to the Church. This we do, imploring of the great Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Redeemer, that both you and we may have wisdom and grace to be faithful in his covenant, and to glorify him with the holiness which becomes his house forever. AMEN.

EXPLANATIONS OF THE CATALOGUE.

1. The following is a catalogue of the members of the Church in May, 1867.

2. The dates above the names indicate the time when the different persons united with this Church.

3. The names included in parentheses ( ) are the surnames of those who have been married since they united with the Church.

4. The name of a Church immediately following the name of a person denotes that the person united with this Church by *letter* from the Church thus designated.

5. Where there is no name of a Church immediately following that of the person, it is to be understood that the person united with this Church by profession.

6. A star (*) before a name shows that the person has died, and the date following the name denotes the time of the death.

7. A dagger (†) before a name shows that the person has been dismissed to another Church; the date appended shows when the dismission took place, and the name of the Church following the date shows to what Church the person was recommended.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS.

JULY 23, 1815.

Lucy Dodge.

APRIL 13, 1817.

Joseph Appleton Moore.
Sally Edmands (Pellet).

JUNE 8, 1817.

Azubah Poland (Snow, Sparks, Moore).

SEPTEMBER 28, 1817.

Sarah Ann De Land (Kendrick).

MAY 23, 1819.

Bonum Nye.
William Johnson.
Mary Ayres.

MAY 27, 1827.

Joseph Poland, Jr.
Sarah Poland.
Sarah F. Poland.
Ebenezer Mead, Jr.
Olive Bartlett.

JULY 21, 1827.

Lavinia Pickard.

April 7, 1828.

Betsey Potter, Cong. Church in Rochester.

April 8, 1830.

Abigail Kimball, 1st Cong. Ch., Newton.

June 6, 1830.

Elizabeth Haskell (Whiting).
Abigail Haskell.

November 6, 1831.

Timothy Haywood, East Cong. Ch., Ware.
Daniel Whiting, Jr.
Leonard Stoddard.
Julia Ann Stoddard.
Catharine Whiting.
Bethiah Nye.
David W. Lane.
Eliza S. Lane.
Eliza Johnson.
Persis Howe.
Mary Ann Hale.

January 1, 1832.

Ezra Batcheller.
Harriet N. Ayres.

April 1, 1832.

Maria C. Doane, 1st Cong. Ch., South Hadley.

June 3, 1833.

Mary P. Doane.

JULY 25, 1833.

Betsey R. Cary, East Cong. Ch., Ware.

NOVEMBER 3, 1833.

Mary Bartlett.

JANUARY 4, 1835.

Emeline Clark, Cong. Ch., Spencer.

JULY 19, 1835.

Joshua Porter, Jr.
Martha L. Porter, South Ch., Augusta, Me.
Micah T. Reed, Cong. Church, New Braintree.

NOVEMBER 4, 1836.

Roland F. Doane, Cong. Ch., Rockingham, Vt.
Amanda Doane, " " " "

MAY 7, 1837.

Sabra Haskell, East Cong. Ch., Ware.
Alanson Haskell.
William P. Haskell.
Andrew Damon.
Lura Ann Damon.
Caroline R. Cary (Haskell).

JUNE 25, 1837.

Alfred W. Bartlett.
Joseph W. Thompson.
Henry Johnson.
Lucy Potter.

Sumner Reed.
Nancy Scott.
Lydia Dodge.
John Barnard.
James C. Ayres.

MAY 5, 1839.

Rebecca D. Tomblin, Baptist Ch., East Brookfield.

JULY 11, 1840.

Lewis Whiting.

NOVEMBER 7, 1841.

Eliza Hooker (Coy).

JANUARY, 1842.

Sophia Ayres.

MARCH 5, 1843.

Mehetabel Nye.

MAY 8, 1843.

Levi W. Livermore, Cong. Ch., Hardwick, Vt.
Harriet A. Poland, Sixth Cong. Ch., Springfield.

JULY 9, 1843.

Samuel Lamb.
Mary J. Lamb.
Phebe W. Thompson.

NOVEMBER 5, 1843.

Emeline Batcheller (King).

SEPTEMBER 1, 1844.

Harriet W. Hooker (Allen).

NOVEMBER 3, 1844.

Lydia Hill, Cong. Ch., Spencer.

JULY 6, 1845.

Charles Adams, Cong. Ch., West Hartford, Conn.
Caroline A. Adams, " " "

NOVEMBER 1, 1846.

Elizabeth Kittridge, Cong. Ch., Franklin.
Rebecca B. Whiting (Howe).

JULY 4, 1847.

Luthera S. French, Cong. Ch., Westford, Vt.

NOVEMBER 19, 1848.

Anna Babcock, Cong. Ch., Jericho, Vt.

JANUARY 6, 1850.

† Lauretta A. Dodge, Cong. Ch. in Sturbridge. Aug. 11, 1867, Union Ch., Worcester.

MARCH 3, 1850.

Emeline A. Clark (Cook).

MAY 5, 1850.

Susan L. Edmands, 1st Cong. Ch., Sutton.

NOVEMBER 3, 1850.

Augustus Smith, Cong. Ch., Heath.

March 2, 1851.

Louisa Jane Bartlett (Stockbridge).

May 4, 1851.

Marcia Jane Reed.
Mary Ruggles, Cong. Ch., Hardwick.

July 1, 1851.

Submit H. Moulton, Cong. Ch., Jericho Centre, Vt.
Luthera C. Batcheller, East Cong. Ch., Ware.

January 11, 1852.

Christopher Cushing, Edwards Ch., Boston.
Mary Frances Cushing, " " "
Mary H. Hebard (Knight), Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.

September 5, 1852.

Henry P. Tucker, Evangelical Ch., Westboro'.
Mary K. Tucker, " " "
Anson H. French, Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.
Lucius M. Harris, Cong. Ch., Heath.
Sarah A. Harris.
Mary W. Belcher.
Alden Batcheller.
Harriet R. Batcheller.
Ezra D. Batcheller.
Foster P. Cutler.
Mary Cutler.
Mary S. Giffin.
Jesse B. Ives.
Almira Ives.
William J. Haskell.

Orril L. Haskell.
William C. King.
William L. Poland.
Walter H. Howe.
James N. Jenks.
Priscilla N. Livermore.
Sarah B. Doane.
Matilda B. Stoddard.
Dalinda Johnson.
Eliza C. Adams.
John D. Stoddard.
Joseph Blake.
Charles W. Adams.
Relutia Batcheller (Stoddard).
Abbie W. Johnson.
Sarah R. Johnson (Jenks).
Phebe Whiting (Knight).
Sarah C. Haskell (Smith).
Mary E. Carruth (Stoddard).
Sarah Mead (Hunter).
Lucy B. Ward (Bailey).
Elizabeth A. Potter.

NOVEMBER 7, 1852.

Frederick A. Potter.
Gilbert Allen.
Amanda Allen.
Esther G. Perry.
Mary Hooker, 2d.
Elsie M. Gray (Barton).
Sarah C. Poland (Adams).

JANUARY 2, 1853.

Elvira Doane (Stoddard).

MARCH 6, 1853.

Joel McKee Kingsbury.
Sarah M. Kingsbury.
Martha L. Hebard.
Mary P. Carruth.
Jason Kinsley.
Martha M. Clark.
Lucenia Prouty (Russell).

MAY 1, 1853.

Ovilla Stoddard, Baptist Ch., East Brookfield.
Hiram Edson.
Chloe M. Edson.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1853.

Abbie S. Lane (Fry).

JANUARY 22, 1854.

Calvin W. Nutting, Second Ch., Palmer.
Mary S. Nutting, " " .

MARCH 5, 1854.

Martha G. Potter, Cong. Ch., Oakham.
Mary C. French, Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.
Rhoda S. Ormes, Methodist Ch., Spencer.

MAY 7, 1854.

Benjamin F. Stow, Cong. Ch., Paxton.
Esther S. Stow, " " "
Elizabeth C. Southworth.

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JULY 2, 1854.

Alexander L. Brown, South Cong. Ch., Springfield.
Julia Brown, " " "
Patrick H. Kellogg, Cong. Ch., Pittsford, Vt.
Elizabeth S. Kellogg, " " "

JANUARY 7, 1855.

Susan B. Reed, Orthodox Ch., Dana.
Angeline Harwood, Methodist Ch., North Brookfield.

MAY 6, 1855.

Maria C. Drury, Methodist Ch., North Brookfield.
Irene E. B. Dane.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1855.

Cornelius Machtwel van Beeldsnyder.
Elisha P. Perry.
Martha A. Sargent.

NOVEMBER 4, 1855.

Rhoda Davis, Cong. Ch., Williamstown.

JANUARY 20, 1856.

George Stoddard.
James E. Hall.
Josephene M. Lumbard (Leach).
Mary Doane (Gilbert).

JULY 6, 1856.

Hannah E. Smith, Cong. Ch., Bradford, N. H.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1856.

David L. Winslow, Trinitarian Cong. Ch., Barre.
Dolly P. Winslow, " " "
Sarah S. Raymore (Bliss), Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.
John J. Sherman.
Martha Sherman, Methodist Ch., North Brookfield.

JANUARY 4, 1857.

George P. Doane.
Thomas J. Cowin.

JULY 5, 1857.

Lawson Wood, Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.
Sarah W. Wood, " " "
Sarah J. Wood.
Harriet M. Wood.
Anna M. Harwood (Doane).

NOVEMBER 1, 1857.

Caroline C. S. Parkman, Cong. Ch., Sturbridge.

JANUARY 3, 1858.

Catharine N. Ranger, Mount Vernon Ch., Boston.
Lucy C. Tenney, 1st Cong. Ch., Derry, N. H.

MARCH 7, 1858.

Elvira S. Haston.

NOVEMBER 7, 1858.

Horace Spooner, Cong. Ch., Heath.
William Fullum.
Ann M. Fullum, Methodist Church, Princeton.

Horace Tucker.
Dolly Tucker.
Mary Walker.
Henry Reed, Jr.
Curtis Stoddard, 2d.
Alonzo E. Stoddard.
Hubbard S. Doane.
George W. Harwood.
Nehemiah H. Harrington.
Lauretta Ayres.
Maria L. Dow.
Olive A. Smith.
Martha A. Barnum.
Rebecca A. Spooner (Sammis).
Caroline A. Haskell (Eddy).
Henrietta L. Carruth (Cunningham).
Martha S. Carruth (Crawford).
† Louisa Dodge (Gilbert). June 23, 1867, Cong. Ch., West Brookfield.
* Mary B. Nye (Batcheller). Nov. 2, 1867.
Martha B. Nye.
Augusta M. Jenks (Stoddard).

JANUARY 2, 1859.

Roswell H. Babcock, Methodist Ch., North Brookfield.
Dulcena B. Adams.
Lucretia J. Kellogg.

MARCH 6, 1859.

† Almira Merriam, Cong. Ch., Sutton. June 30, 1867, Cong. Ch., Sutton.

MAY 1, 1859.

Lucretia S. Deets, 1st Cong. Ch., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Henry H. Sparks.

JULY 3, 1859.

Alfred Burrill, Methodist Ch., East Boston.
Adeline A. Burrill, Maverick Ch., East Boston.
Lucy B. Jenks, Baptist Ch., East Brookfield.
Martha A. Gilmore, Evangelical Ch., Westboro'.

MARCH 4, 1860.

Anna M. Lincoln, Evangelical Ch., Westboro'.

MAY 6, 1860.

Frederick S. Amidon, Cong. Ch., Bolton, Conn.

JULY 1, 1860.

William H. Montague, Evangelical Cong. Ch., Brookfield.
Laura H. Montague, " " " "

JANUARY 6, 1861.

J. Everts Green, Cong. Ch., Keosauqua, Iowa.
Hannah M. Burbank, 1st Cong. Ch., Galesburg, Ill.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1861.

William H. Beecher, Union Cong. Ch., North Brookfield.
Katharine E. Beecher, " " "

NOVEMBER 10, 1861.

David M. Havens, Cong. Ch., Somers, Conn.
Lucy A. Havens, " " " "
Mary B. A. Bush, Cong. Ch., Oakham.

JANUARY 5, 1862.

James Ormes, Union Cong. Ch., North Brookfield.
Eliza A. Kellogg.

JULY 6, 1862.

Lydia A. Hill (Pennery), Union Cong. Ch., North Brookfield.

NOVEMBER 1, 1863.

Dwight G. Barr, Cong. Ch., New Braintree.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1864.

Charles H. Kellogg, Cong. Ch., Pittsford, Vt.
Elizabeth Kellogg, " " " "
Abbie A. Kellogg.
Emily M. Edson.
Myra E. Bates.

NOVEMBER 6, 1864.

Charles Southworth, Orthodox Cong. Ch., Townsend.
Ellen E. Knight, Cong. Ch., Sunderland.
Catharine E. Maxwell.
George A. Bemis.
Austis K. Bemis.
William Adams.
Hiram Carruth.
Florence P. Carruth.
Joseph A. Cunningham.
Joseph B. Tucker.
Elijah D. Knight.
Daniel W. Knight.
Charles Parkman.

John H. Lane.
Henry T. Clark.
Edward A. Batcheller.
Jonas H. Keith.
William W. Bartlett.
John Splane.
Elijah Stoddard.
George R. Spooner.
Nancy Walker.
Phebe Walker.
Nancy Gilmore.
Caroline N. Gilmore.
Catharine Stoddard.
Sarah A. Johnson.
Ella M. Stow.
Juliette L. Batcheller.
Caroline L. Nutting.

JANUARY 1, 1865.

George A. Ware.
Sumner Walker.
Rosella N. Bennis (Cummings).

MARCH 5, 1865.

Jennie L. Smith (Clark).

MAY 7, 1865.

Charles A. Porter.

JANUARY 6, 1867.

William M. Crawford, Cong. Ch., Oakham.
Lois D. Wallace, Cong. Ch., Pittsford, Vt.

MAY 5, 1867.

Roxana F. Beecher (Preuszner), Union Ch., North Brookfield.

Grace S. Beecher, Union Ch., North Brookfield.

Adelaide L. Boynton, Evangelical Cong. Ch., Barre.

Clara A. Boynton.

Ellen F. Hall.

Christopher C. Cushing.

Mary Frances Cushing, 2d.

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